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MEMORANDUM

TO: Director, Political Affairs Division  
FROM: Eugene Liaison Officer  
RE: Stankovich's new Editor-in-Chief

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*S. STANKOVICH*

*cross file to ZAPRODNIK*

For your information:

The Belorussian newspaper in Munich has a new Editor-in-Chief. He is ML's employee Mr. Zaprudnik. I reported this to Mr. Dresher.

More interesting is the reason why Mr. Stankovich was ousted. Let me recall that Mr. Stankovich has been the Editor of this most important Belorussian newspaper on the emigration since its inception. He is a good journalist and presently works very closely with the Institute, representing his nationality.

A couple of years ago Mr. Stankovich was involved in a ticklish situation. He was approached by a Soviet Russian female agent whom, it seems, he knew from Prague and asked to work for the Soviets. After a few days of indecision and hesitancy he reported this to the U.S. intelligence agency. There he was asked to keep his previously made appointment with the lady which took place in a cafe in Munich. He was asked to get her to talk and find out things of interest to such people as those who were catching him from a corner table. However, he, loving his liquor and being seduced by his companion, succumbed to the influence of the firewater first. The lady was ready to leave him, suddenly, she was apprehended. But Mr. Stankovich had failed his mission.

A couple of months ago Mr. Stankovich asked his boss, Mr. Abramchik, to reveal to him where Mr. Abramchik is getting money to publish his weekly newspaper. Mr. Abramchik did not trust him enough to reveal this secret to his Editor-in-Chief. An argument followed and Mr. Stankovich was fired. In his place came Mr. Zaprudnik.

I feel that Mr. Zaprudnik should not be allowed to continue to be the Editor-in-Chief of a political party's newspaper and to work for ML at the same time. We had a somewhat similar situation with Mr. Kuznetsov. In that case, we asked him to resign his position as Editor-in-Chief of the Pravda Vostok. The same practice should be applied here.

A question: If Mr. Stankovich's party does not trust him, should, then, we trust him? He is a member of the Scientific Council.

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